

FISCAL NOTE

SB 412 - HB 803

February 8, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Exempts the retail sales of food and food ingredients from state sales tax. Redefines “food and food ingredients.”

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenues - \$141,863,000 / General Fund
\$318,173,000 / Education Fund
\$22,447,000 / Earmarked to Local Govt.
\$1,796,000 / Department of Revenue
\$4,489,000 / Sinking Fund

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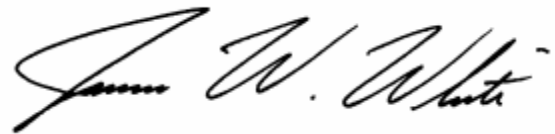
Assumptions:

- “Food and food ingredients” means substances, whether in liquid, concentrated, solid, frozen, dried, or dehydrated form, that are sold for ingestion or chewing by humans and are consumed for their taste or nutritional value.
- According to the Department of Revenue, taxable sales of food and food ingredients in Tennessee for FY05-06 were approximately \$7,753,600,000.
- Based on historical collection patterns, taxable sales of food and food ingredients are estimated to grow by approximately 2.5% per year.
- Taxable sales for FY07-08 are estimated to be approximately \$8,146,126,000.
- The recurring decrease in state sales tax revenue resulting from the exemption of the state sales tax on food sales is estimated to be \$488,768,000 ($\$8,146,126,000 \times 6.0\% = \$488,767,560$) per year.

- The estimated \$488,768,000 in state sales tax revenue would have been apportioned as follows: \$141,863,000 to the General Fund, \$318,173,000 to education, \$22,447,000 to local governments, \$1,796,000 to the Department of Revenue, and \$4,489,000 to the Sinking Fund.
- The state will forgo additional sales tax revenue in subsequent fiscal years due to growth of taxable sales.
- Local governments are not held harmless from the loss of state-shared sales tax revenue.
- The recurring decrease to local government revenues is estimated to be \$22,447,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director